

Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

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YOU MUST PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR ALL ITEMS. ENTER N/A IF NOT APPLICABLE

| No. Item | Guide questions/description | Reported on Page # |
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| Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity | | |
| <i>Personal Characteristics</i> | | |
| 1. Inter viewer/facilitator | Which author/s conducted the inter view or focus group? JEA, SA, NV | Last paragraph of "Study participants and setting" |
| 2. Credentials | What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD | With authors' names at the beginning of manuscript. Page 1: Title Page |
| 3. Occupation | What was their occupation at the time of the study? | N/A |
| 4. Gender | Was the researcher male or female? N/A | N/A |
| 5. Experience and training | What experience or training did the researcher have? N/A | N/A |
| <i>Relationship with participants</i> | | |
| 6. Relationship established | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? No | N/A |
| 7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research | Explained in first sentence of section "Data collection" |
| 8. Interviewer characteristics | What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic N/A | N/A |

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| Domain 2: study design | | |
| <i>Theoretical framework</i> | | |
| 9. Methodological orientation and Theory | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis This was a descriptive study | First line under "Study design" |
| <i>Participant selection</i> | | |
| 10. Sampling | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball Purposive | Methods; Study participants and setting |
| 11. Method of approach | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email Telephone, mail, advertisements | Methods; Study participants and setting |
| 12. Sample size | How many participants were in the study? 22 | Results |
| 13. Non-participation | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? 0 | N/A |
| <i>Setting</i> | | |
| 14. Setting of data collection | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace Healing Lodge within the Health Centre | Methods; Data collection |
| 15. Presence of non-participants | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? Mikmac translator | Methods; Study participants and setting |
| 16. Description of sample | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date | First paragraph of results |
| <i>Data collection</i> | | |
| 17. Interview guide | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? Semi-structured discussion guide. Not pilot tested. | Methods; Data collection |
| 18. Repeat interviews | Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many? No | Methods; Data collection |
| 19. Audio/visual recording | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the | Methods; Data collection |

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| | data? Audio recording | |
| 20. Field notes | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group? Yes | Methods; Data collection |
| 21. Duration | What was the duration of the inter views or focus group? 2 hours | Methods; Data collection |
| 22. Data saturation | Was data saturation discussed? No | Strengths and limitations |
| 23. Transcripts returned | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? No | N/A |
| Domain 3: analysis and findings | | |
| | <i>Data analysis</i> | |
| 24. Number of data coders | How many data coders coded the data? Three (NV, SA, JEA) | Methods; Data analysis |
| 25. Description of the coding tree | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? No | N/A |
| 26. Derivation of themes | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? Derived from data | Methods; Data analysis |
| 27. Software | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? N/A | N/A |
| 28. Participant checking | Did participants provide feedback on the findings? Yes | Methods; Data analysis |
| | <i>Reporting</i> | |
| 29. Quotations presented | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number Yes | Table 1 |
| 30. Data and findings consistent | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? Yes | Table 1; Results. |

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| 31. Clarity of major themes | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? Yes | Results |
| 32. Clarity of minor themes | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? No | N/A |